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SUBJECT: CABINET DISCUSSES U.S./ISRAELI RELATIONS

1. THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE WEEKLY
CABINET MEETING ON MAY 29 CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING REPORT
OF THE MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT STATE OF
RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE U.S.:

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REVIEWED THE RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS
BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND OTHER ACCREDITED U.S. ADMINISTRATION
FACTORS ON SUBJECTS CONNECTED WITH RESOLUTION OF THE
ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT.

3. REFERRING TO THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S MENTION OF VARIOUS
U.N. RESOLUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH DIFFERENT SUBJECTS
IN THIS SPHERE, THE DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
DETAILED ISRAEL'S STAND--AS MADE CLEAR TO THE U.S.
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ADMINISTRATION--VIS-A-VIS THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS
RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

4. EXTANT ARE TWO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS
NOS. 242 AND 338, CONSTITUTING THE BASIS FOR PROGRESS
TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT. GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS
ARE SOLELY IN THE NATURE OF RECOMMENDATIONS--AND IN A

SITUATION OF AN AUTOMATIC MAJORITY IN THE ASSEMBLY FOR ANY ANTI-ISRAEL DRAFT RESOLUTION, THE ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTIONS CAN OBVIOUSLY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A SETTLEMENT.

5. THE TWO AGREEMENTS WITH EGYPT AND THE DISENGAGEMENT-OF-FORCES AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA WERE ATTAINED ON THE BASIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 338--THIS ALSO BEING STATED EXPLICITLY IN THE AGREEMENTS THEMSELVES.IT WAS FURTHER STATED IN THE AGREEMENTS THAT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS OF THE TWO AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS.

6. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338--AS WAS MADE CLEAR RECENTLY AS WELL BY ACCREDITED AMERICAN SPOKESMEN.

7. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE TO CHANGE THESE PRINCIPLES IN A UNILATERAL MANNER. ANY UNILATERAL CHANGE WOULD MEAN THE UNDERMINING OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED TO DATE, AND ENDANGERING PURSUANCE OF THE WAY TO ATTAINING A STABLE AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CARTER, WHO SAID THAT THE U.S. HAD NO PLAN FOR RESOLVING THE CONFLICT AND THAT THE UNILATERAL RAISING OF THE ROGERS PLAN--WITHOUT PRIOR

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CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES--HAD NOT CONTRIBUTED TO PROMOTION OF THE SETTLEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD APPRECIATE THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, THAT THE CONTENT OF THE AGREEMENTS MUST BE DETERMINED BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT AND THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT INTEND TO LEND A HAND TO AN ENFORCED SOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOREIGN MINISTER REITERATED HIS CONCERN THAT COMBINATION OF THE VARIOUS SPORADIC STATEMENTS VOICED BY DIFFERENT LEVELS IN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS LIABLE TO BE LINKED INTO SOMETHING IN THE NATURE OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN--WHICH WAS IN CONTRADICTION TO THE DECLARED AMERICAN COMMITMENT ON THE ISSUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN LEST THE ARAB SIDE HARDEN ITS POSITIONS IN THE WAKE OF VARIOUS AMERICAN STATEMENTS THAT COULD LEND THEMSELVES TO AN INTERPRETATION APPROXIMATING THE ARAB VERSION.

9. THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. YITZHAK RABIN, REPORTED THAT ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., MR. SIMCHA

DINITZ, HAD CONVEYED TO THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION
THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN IN THE LIGHT OF CERTAIN
AND SURPRISING AMERICAN PRONOUNCEMENTS, THAT WERE
TANTAMOUNT TO DECLARATION OF DEFINED POSITIONS
ON SUBJECTS THAT WERE IN DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
THE ARAB STATES.

10. BY THEIR COMBINATION, THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS--
WHICH ISRAEL DISPUTED--PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, CREATED AN IMAGE
OF THE EXISTENCE OF A DEFINED AMERICAN PLAN FOR
RESOLVING THE REGION'S PROBLEMS THIS WAS LIABLE TO
DISRUPT MODIFICATION OF THE ARAB STATES' POSITIONS
AND TO ENCUMBER THE PROSPECTS OF BRIDGING BETWEEN
THE STANDS OF THE ARAB STATES AND THOSE OF ISRAEL.
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